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May, 1957.

To the Chairman and Members
OF THE
Urban District Council of Rishton

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of Rishton for the year ended 31st December, 1956.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area in Acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,878.4
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£45,528
Estimated Product of 1d. Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£123
Population 1951 Census	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,794
Estimated 1955 Mid-year Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,630
Estimated 1956 Mid-year Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,580

Rishton is a compact Urban area whose chief industries are cotton, felt and carpet weaving, paper making, paint and varnish manufacture and paper string manufacture.

VITAL STATISTICS

Death Rate (crude)	14.3
Death Rate (adjusted)	14.5
Death Rate (England and Wales)	11.7
Live Birth Rate (crude)	13.8
Live Birth Rate (adjusted)	15.6
Live Birth Rate (England and Wales)	15.7
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total births	49
Maternity Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ...	Nil
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ...	Nil
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ...	Nil

There were 77 live births and 4 stillbirths registered during 1956, and 80 deaths from all causes. The birth rate has risen from 10.4 to 15.6 and the death rate has fallen from 15.5 to 14.5. The average age at death was 66.5 years, a decrease of 2.5 years over last year's figures. 52 per cent. of deaths took place at the age of 70 or over, and 23 per cent. at the age of 80 or over.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

This year has again seen a low incidence of reported cases of notifiable infectious diseases, 46 cases only being reported, 33 of which were measles.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Local Health and Welfare Services under the National Health and Assistance Acts are administered in Rishton by the Lancashire County Council Number 5 Health Division.

Miss E. Singleton is the Health Visitor/School Nurse for the Rishton District, and the following are the services administered at the Child Welfare and School Clinic, 108, High Street, RISHTON. Telephone No. Great Harwood 3177.

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| 1. Ante-Natal and Post-Natal Clinic | 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month (morning). |
| 2. Child Welfare Clinic | Each Tuesday afternoon. |
| 3. Minor Ailment Clinic | Each Monday and Friday morning. |
| 4. Immunisation Clinic | As and when arranged. |
| 5. Orthopaedic Clinic | 4th Wednesday each month. |
| 6. Ophthalmic Clinic | 1st and 3rd Thursdays (afternoon). |
| 7. Dental Clinic | Each Tuesday, Thursday and Friday (all day). |
| 8. Speech Therapy | By appointment. |
| 9. Physiotherapy | Each Wednesday (all day). |

Wherever possible appointments should be made before clinics are attended, although the Dental Officer will attend to cases of toothache without appointment.

The County Midwife for Rishton is Miss S. C. Edwards, 4, Devonshire Drive, CLAYTON-LE-MOORS. Telephone—Accrington 2250.

The County District Nurse for the District is Mrs. E. Clarke, of 90, Cliff Street, RISHTON. (Telephone—Great Harwood 2055).

To obtain the Ambulance Service ring—Accrington 4834.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

			Total		Males		Females
Live Births—Legitimate	74	...	42	...	32
Live Births—Illegitimate	3	...	2	...	1

TOTALS	77	...	44	...	33
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Stillbirths	4	...	3	...	1
Deaths	80	...	41	...	39

POPULATION FIGURES OVER THE LAST 10 YEARS

					Registrar General's Estimated Figure			Births			Deaths	Births & Deaths Differential	
1956	...	...	...	...	5,580	...		77	...		80	...	-3
1955	...	...	...	...	5,630	...		52	...		94	...	-42
1954	...	...	...	...	5,630	...		53	...		81	...	-28
1953	...	...	...	...	5,660	...		67	...		71	...	-4
1952	...	...	...	...	5,741	...		59	...		86	...	-27
1951	(Census)	...			5,794	...		70	...		91	...	-21
1950	...	...	...	...	5,926	...		81	...		93	...	-12
1949	...	...	...	...	5,832	...		90	...		87	...	+3
1948	...	...	...	...	5,644	...		84	...		72	...	+12
1947	...	...	...	...	5,467	...		118	...		87	...	+31
1946	...	...	...	...	5,405	...		92	...		87	...	+5

SUMMARY CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males		Females		Total
Tuberculosis (respiratory)...	1	...	1	...	2
Malignant Neoplasms (stomach)	1	...	—	...	1
Malignant Neoplasms (lungs)...	2	...	—	...	2
Malignant Neoplasms (breast)	—	...	2	...	2
Malignant Neoplasms (others)	3	...	6	...	9
Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System	5	...	12	...	17
Coronary Disease—Angina	5	...	6	...	11
Diabetes	1	...	—	...	1
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	...	—	...	1
Other Heart Diseases	3	...	1	...	4
Other Circulatory Diseases	3	...	—	...	3
Influenza	—	...	—	...	—
Pneumonia	2	...	1	...	3
Bronchitis	6	...	2	...	8
Congenital Malformations	1	...	—	...	1
Ulcer of Stomach Duodenum	2	...	1	...	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	...	5	...	8
All other accidents	2	...	2	...	4
TOTALS	41	...	39	...	80

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1956

Age Periods Years	New Cases				Deaths			
	Respiratory		Non-Resp.		Respiratory		Non-Resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
2- 5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5-10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10-25	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
25-35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35-45	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
45-55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTAL	2		0		1		0	
Figures for 1955	5		1		2		0	

PUBLIC HEALTH TUBERCULOSIS REGULATIONS, 1930

Number of cases of Tuberculosis on the Register on the 31st December, 1956 :—

Pulmonary			Non-Pulmonary			Total		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
18	15	33	5	7	12	23	22	45
As compared with the figures at the 31st December, 1955 :—								
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
21	13	34	7	8	15	29	21	50

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR

Notifiable Diseases	Total Cases at all ages	Total Cases Notified Age Periods — Years									Total Deaths	
		0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	25 and over		
Scarlet Fever	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	3	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis :												
Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles (excluding rubella)	33	—	2	4	5	9	13	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infection	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total cases at all ages	39	2	2	4	6	9	14	2	—	—	—	nil

	Total Cases at all ages	0	5	15	45	65 and over	Age Un- known	Total Deaths
Acute pneumonia (prim. and infl'zal)	2	—	—	1	—	1	—	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute encephalitis :								
Infective	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Post-infective	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteric or typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid fevers	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	3	—	1	—	2	—	—	—
Tuberculosis—								
Respiratory	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meninges & C.N.S.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other notifiable diseases (specify)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	7	1	1	1	3	1	-	Nil

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED OVER THE LAST 5 YEARS

Disease	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Scarlet Fever	2	3	1	—	2
Measles	118	8	—	61	33
Whooping Cough	3	40	25	—	3
Pneumonia	5	7	14	4	2
Food Poisoning	—	1	1	—	3
Erysipelas	2	3	—	—	1
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	1	—	—	—
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	130	63	41	65	44

In making my report I wish to thank the Chairman and members of the Council for their support and encouragement throughout the year, and the other officials and staff for their friendly help.

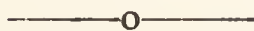
Yours faithfully,

R. C. WEBSTER,
Medical Officer of Health.

Council Offices,
Brook Street,
RISHTON.

Report of the Public Health Inspector

For the Year ended 31st December, 1956.



I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1956. The market for waste paper suffered a setback, but despite this fact the introduction of the new bonus scheme resulted in the maintenance of good collection figures.

The staff problem with regard to street scavenging eased during the year resulting in an improvement in the service, although we cannot reach the standard of cleanliness that must be our aim until a scavenging vehicle is designed that would be economical for authorities like ourselves.

The new refuse collection vehicle, after some teething trouble, has now settled down and is doing a good job.

I am grateful to the officials and staff for the help I have received, and to the Chairman and members of the Council for their encouragement and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

S. PILKINGTON,

Public Health Inspector.

ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE

Water Supply

Samples of the water supply to the area have been taken with the following results :—

Treated water—82. Unsatisfactory—Nil.

Complaints of taste and smell have greatly diminished during the year and the supply position would appear to have improved. The demand for water will increase as sanitary amenities increase, this demand will have to be met. The time has come to tackle this problem on a national level as it exists in most areas and not in isolated districts.

Public Cleansing Service

We now have a full complement of road sweepers and scavengers and appear to have reached a period of stability. Unfortunately investigations into the possibility of running a mechanical sweeper/collector proved to be too expensive for one authority without the assistance of surrounding districts. This mechanisation must come as with the steady increase of vehicular traffic roads are becoming littered in areas uneconomical to sweep by pedestrian operatives.

Salvage collection even with a stoppage of sales, has been maintained at a high level.

At the tip, the cabins have suffered their annual share of malicious damage. This destruction of local authority owned property is so persistent as to be regarded as an operational hazard.

SALVAGE

				Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	£	s.	d.
January	...	...	...	5	13	1	45	4	—
February		...	...	5	13	2	45	8	—
March	...	...	...	3	2	—	24	16	—
April	...	...	...	7	9	—	58	—	3
May	...	...	...	4	13	2	32	14	6
June	...	...	...	9	8	3	66	1	3
July	...	...	...	7	6	—	51	2	—
August	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—
September		...	...	5	1	2	34	3	5
October	...	...	...	7	11	2	49	4	9
November		...	...	6	16	3	44	8	11
December		2	15	2	18	0	9
				65	11	1	£469	3	10

Receipts from trade tipping—£38 13s. 6d.

MEAT INSPECTION

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Carcases inspected and condemned **within the District :—**

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	141	257	2	814	196
Number inspected	141	257	2	814	196

**All diseases except Tuberculosis
and Cysticerci**

Whole carcasses condemn'd	—	—	1	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	51	108	—	5	1
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cys- ticerci	36	42	50	.6	.5

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcasses condemn'd	—	1	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	10	75	—	—	1
Percentage of number in- spected affected with Tuberculosis	7	30	—	—	5

Cysticercosis

Carcases of which some part or organ was con- demned	1	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigera- tion	1	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

OTHER FOODS

Unsound Food

The following foodstuffs have been rejected during the year as being unfit for human consumption :—

Corned Beef	...	...	...	2 tins	...	...	7 lbs.
Steak	...	...	...	8 tins	...	...	4 lbs.
Peas	...	...	...	5 tins	...	...	5 lbs.
Fruit	...	...	...	5 tins	...	...	5½ lbs.
Chicken	...	...	...	1 tin	...	...	6 lbs.
Condensed Milk	...	...	...	3 tins	...	...	2¼ pts.
Tomatoes	...	...	...	1 tin	...	...	1 lb.
Soup	...	...	...	1 tin	...	...	1 lb.

HOUSING INSPECTION

Houses inspected for housing defects	...	...	...	...	...	89
Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	205
Number of dwelling houses found to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Number of dwelling houses found not in all respects fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	64
Number of dwelling houses rendered fit after informal action	...	...	...	...	...	67
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which formal notice was served	...	...	...	...	...	2
Number made fit by owners after service of formal notice	...	...	...	...	...	2
Certificates of Unfitness applied for	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Certificates of Unfitness granted	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Certificates of Revocation applied for	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Certificates of Revocation granted	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

Part I of the Act

1.—Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

	Number on Register	Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities...	10	...	12	...
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	21	...	19	...
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises)	—	...	—	...
TOTAL	31	...	31	...

One sanitary convenience was found to be unsuitable at the time of inspection, but the matter was remedied as a result of informal action.

